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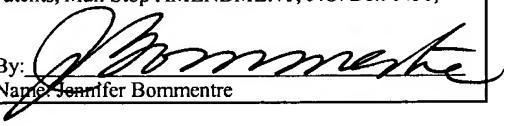
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Title: FRONT END LOADER, TRACTOR, AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING  
 A FRONT END LOADER

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop AMENDMENT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 18, 2005.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
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Dear Sir:

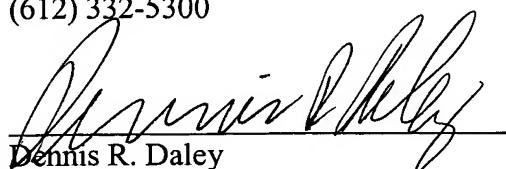
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, said period of response being extended from October 19, 2004 to January 19, 2005.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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